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SUBJECT: SAN PEDRO-MAN RAILROAD ENGINEERING STUDY

REF: ABIDJAN 3403

FROM AF/W RAMSAY

PLEASE PASS COMMERCE/MEPD-SANDS

1. DEPARTMENT IS INFORMED BY DR. LOUIS BERGER THAT HIS FIRM HAS TENDERED OFFER TO GOIC OF ENGINEERING STUDY OF PROPOSED SAN PEDRO-MAN RAILROAD. IN THIS REGARD, PROSPECT OF EXIM BANK FINANCING OF STUDY IS CONSIDERATION.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM EARL B. YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT, AFRICA DIVISION, EXIM BANK: QUOTE EXIM BANK UNDERSTANDS A US FIRM HAS PROPOSED A FEASIBILITY STUDY INVOLVING IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF IVORY COAST RAILWAY. IF SUBJECT FINANCING ARISES, IVORY COAST OFFICIALS MAY BE REASSURED THAT SUCH PROJECTS ARE GENERALLY ELIGIBLE FOR EXIM BANK FINANCING ASSISTANCE AND EXIM BANK WOULD

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ACCEPT SUCH AN APPLICATION. CAUTION THAT EXIM BANK HAS NO

VALID INFORMATION WHATEVER CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PROJECT
AND EXIM BANK ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION CANNOT BE CON-

STRUED AS SUGGESTING THAT FINANCING ASSISTANCE WILL IN
FACT BE AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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